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**LIFECARE HOSPITALS OF PITTSBURGH ANNOUNCES NEW 40-BED TRANSITIONAL CARE CENTER
AT ITS SUBURBAN CAMPUS**

Hospital-based unit will help patients transition to home or other care setting

July 25, 2011 (Pittsburgh, Penn.) – LifeCare Hospitals of Pittsburgh will soon begin caring for patients requiring skilled nursing care after a stay in an acute care hospital. The new LifeCare Transitional Care Center will be located on the fourth floor of the Allegheny General Hospital Suburban Campus at 100 South Jackson Avenue, and is expected to open August 1.

The Transitional Care Center treatment team will provide daily oversight by physicians, nurses, and therapists and will offer a full complement of specialized on-site medical and diagnostic services including dialysis, laboratory services, radiology services, wound care and physical and occupational therapies. LifeCare clinicians will focus on caring for medically complex patients who have been hospitalized for pulmonary, cardiac or neurological illness or injury, or may be recovering from significant health episodes such as heart attack, stroke, joint replacement or other major surgery.

Because the unit is located within the same facility that houses a hospital, LifeCare's Long Term Acute Hospital (LTACH), the highly trained LifeCare staff is able to care for high-acuity medically complex patients requiring specialized treatment, such as bariatric patients, individuals with tracheostomies or who require monitoring by a respiratory therapist, patients with complex wounds and those with multiple diagnoses. Physicians providing professional services at the LTACH will be available to serve patients in the Transitional Care Unit, ensuring quality care and availability of medical supervision.

"A hospital-based transitional care setting offers an optimal environment in which a patient can receive the specialized care and rehabilitation they require before returning home or to another care setting," said LifeCare Hospitals of Pittsburgh Chief Executive Officer Rick Pletz. "The addition of this new Transitional Care Center builds on other recent changes we've made to our hospital, and helps us better meet the needs of medically complex patients throughout the region.

"We believe this enhancement to the continuum of care available in our community will be welcomed by patients, families and physicians alike."

Later this summer, the parent company of LifeCare Hospitals of Pittsburgh is expected to complete the acquisition of HealthSouth Hospital of Pittsburgh. The four facilities will collectively offer 283 long term acute care beds and 40 transitional skilled nursing beds in private and semi-private room settings.

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